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Bureau of Land Management,  
Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office  
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Portland, OR 97208

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Dear BLM,

I write to express my objections to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) and consequent replacement of the Northwest Forest Plan. The old forests in southwestern Oregon are priceless treasures that provide clean water, clean air, plant and wildlife habitat, bastions of biodiversity, and unparalleled beauty for citizens and visitors. If these forests are destroyed, they can never be re-created. Yet the WOPR would clearcut (i.e., destroy) vast acres of the last, best old-growth forests on our public land. The WOPR would allow logging near streams and even through streams, jeopardizing clean water for salmon and citizens of Roseburg, Corvallis, Eugene and other communities.

It is economically short-sighted and unconscionable to log ancient forests when the BLM has adequate second-growth that can be thinned to provide a steady supply of timber. Thinning previously logged public forestlands would provide jobs and wood to local mills. Thinning dense plantations would also reduce the chance of catastrophic wildfires. Note that I live in Douglas County, a county in need of long-term funding, and I do not want that funding to come from the sacrifice of ancient forests. Thinning of second-growth can provide the needed timber without sacrificing the precious quality of life we enjoy here. Additional jobs also could be created for restoration projects that would benefit the watersheds and generate wood products.

Clearcutting old-growth would be a short-term economic solution with devastating results that would last forever. Logging second growth would provide Douglas County and other southwest Oregon communities with a stable, long-term funding source. Our wild forests are some of the last remaining in the world. It is our duty to preserve them for future generations. I do not want to be showing my grandchildren old-growth forests and their dependent creatures only in a picture book or museum.

It is my understanding that BLM also intends to make it difficult for the public to be involved in future decisions to sell our public forests. These are *public* lands, so environmental analysis and public review of potential sales is imperative.

I exhort you to protect the remaining old forests and focus on thinning the plantations. This is the only viable economic solution, and the only path to maintaining the quality of life we enjoy in southwestern Oregon.

Sincerely,



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CC: Oregon Congressional delegation

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